



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) DCPS Budget Engagement

## Public Budget Hearing

November 9, 2021



## Agenda for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget Hearing

Time	Activity
6:00PM-6:15PM	<b>Introduction</b> <i>Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee</i>
6:15PM-8:00PM	<b>Public Testimony</b> <i>All testimony will be recorded for submission as part of the official record</i>
8:00PM	<b>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</b>

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<https://bit.ly/dcpsintrepretacionespanol>

# Welcome to the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) DCPS Public Budget Hearing

## **Goals and Objectives**

- Continue the dialogue about how we prioritize resources to address the unique needs of your school and the school district.
- Share information on how we are planning to allocate funding to schools in a revised model that is more transparent and equitable.
- Increase awareness of the revised budget model and what it means for our schools.
- Identify additional questions about how we allocate funding to schools.

## Why now?

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### **Our current model:**

- Allocates funding to schools to follow staffing, based on staff-to-student ratios.
- Can be difficult to understand and unpredictable for schools.
- Lacks flexibility for schools to provide more targeted supports.

***“DCPS needs to explain all of the sources of funding provided to each student and each school.”***

***“Transparency is helpful but if we are not allocating the funds equitably and responding to need then being transparent about that does not solve it.***

# FY23 Budget Model Update

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## The Revised Model

### Enrollment

- Majority of funds will be based on student enrollment, which also impacts personnel counts like educators and administrators.

### Targeted Support

- Greater funding would be provided to meet the needs of special student populations to support equity for all

### Stability

- Continues to provide funding to minimize shifts due to year-to-year enrollment transitions

## What does this mean for schools?

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**Greater transparency**



**More flexibility for  
school leaders**



**Better alignment to  
student needs**

# Getting Involved at Your School: LSAT Opportunities

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**Connect with your school's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT).** LSATs are school-based advisory groups made up of parents, staff and community members that work with principals on a range of topics including school budget development.

**Please contact your Principal or e-mail [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov) for more information.**

# Working With Your Local School Advisory Team

*Local School Advisory Teams are a group of elected members who increase transparency at DCPS and ensure decisions affecting school communities are made collaboratively with the help of a diverse group of school stakeholders.*

- LSATs meet regularly to discuss school priorities.
- LSATs should be acting as a liaison between the school community and broader DCPS community.
- LSATs are strongly encouraged to attend districtwide engagements to make their school's voice heard and to share back information with their school community.





## Public Hearing Logistics for Tonight

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For individuals who are testifying tonight, we ask that:

- **Please keep your testimony to three minutes.** We'll keep time and provide a gentle reminder when time is up.
- **Groups should identify one speaker.** The speaker can then testify on behalf of the group.
- **Please speak slowly and clearly.** Our reporter will be recording your testimony for the official record, and we want to make sure he gets it all!

**If you are not testifying tonight, or if you have more to say than 3 minutes would allow, there will be many more opportunities provided for you to share your own feedback. Stay tuned!**

## Preparing to Testify

Additionally,

- **Please message the host privately in the chat you are present to speak.** This will help with the transition and flow of speakers.
- **Please keep your cameras off and mics on mute until testifying.** DCPS staff will message you privately to prepare you to speak.
- **Send your testimony in either pdf or word doc format if you have not done so already.** E-mail [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov)

**If you have questions or having difficulties, please e-mail [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov) or call/text 202.744.0423.**

## Public Testimony

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# PUBLIC TESTIMONY

*Please keep remarks to 3 minutes or less*

# Thank You!





## Next Steps: There are Many Ways to Get Involved!



1. Join us on **November 17** for an **FY23 Budget Model Update**
2. Participate in **school-level budget planning events.**
3. Get involved in your school **Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)**